IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Continuation of

Serial No.: 09/463,411 Group Art Unit: 3727

Filed: August 30, 2001 Examiner: R. HYLTON

For: A STACK OF BAGS WITH SLIDEWAY-AND-CURSOR CLOSURES

# PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination based on the merits, please amend the captioned application as follows:

# IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title throughout the application, original declaration excepted to read:

--A STACK OF BAGS HAVING CURSORS INITIALED POSITIONED OFFSET FROM EACH OTHER--

# IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-7 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 8 and 9 as follows:

8. (Amended) A method of manufacturing at least three bags each having two closure strips and a cursor, the strips and the cursors being identical between the bags, said method comprising:

sliding each cursor along the strips at a respective distance from one end of the strips, and

slidingly positioning the cursors in such a manner that the distances are different between every two successive bags of said at least three bags.

9. (Amended) An installation for manufacturing bags each including two closure strips and a cursor, the installation comprising

means for sliding each cursor along the strips at a respective distance from one end of the strips, the means slide the cursors of every two successive bags of at least three successive bags to distances that are different.

# REMARKS

It is respectfully submitted that the captioned application is now in condition for examination on its merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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### VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

# IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title throughout the application, original declaration excepted to read:

[A STACK OF BAGS WITH SLIDEWAY-AND-CURSOR CLOSURES]

--A STACK OF BAGS HAVING CURSORS INITIALED POSITIONED OFFSET FROM

EACH OTHER--

# IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-7 without prejudice or disclaimer.
Please amend claims 8 and 9 as follows:

8. (Amended) A method of manufacturing at least three bags (2) each having two closure strips (6) and a cursor (8), the strips and the cursors being identical between the bags, in which each cursor (8) is disposed at said method comprising:

sliding each cursor along the strips at a respective distance  $(d_1, d_2)$  from one end (10a) of the strips, and the method being characterized in that the cursors (8) are disposed

slidingly positioning the cursors in such a manner that the said distances  $(d_1, d_2)$  are different between any every two successive bags of said at least three bags.

9. (Amended) An installation for manufacturing bags  $\frac{(2)}{(6)}$  each including two closure strips  $\frac{(6)}{(6)}$  and a cursor  $\frac{(8)}{(8)}$ , the installation comprising

means (15) for placing sliding each cursor along the strips at a respective distance  $(d_1, d_2)$  from one end (10a) of the strips, the installation being characterized in that the means (15) are organized to place slide the cursors of any every two successive bags (2) of at least three successive bags at to distances  $(d_1, d_2)$  that are different.